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**FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-INCUMBENT  
JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

*Appeals Court Judge  
Circuit Court Judge  
Probate District Court Judge*

*District Court Judge  
Probate Court Judge*

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

This document will be revised as changes occur.  
**Updates** will be posted on the Bureau of Elections'  
website ([www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)).

**ELECTION DATES:** The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

**FILING DEADLINE:** Non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to file a nonpartisan nominating petition containing the requisite number of valid signatures, an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy) no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.**

**FILING LOCATION:** Candidates for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Probate District Court Judge or District Court Judge file with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726. Office location: Treasury Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. Candidates for Probate Court Judge file with the local county clerk's office.

**PETITION FORM:** All non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to use the *nonpartisan nominating petition form* prescribed by the Secretary of State when collecting signatures. There are two versions of the form: 1.) A "city/township" version and 2.) a "countywide" version. The "city/township" version of the form is designed for circulation within a single city or township; the "countywide" version of the form can be signed by anyone registered to vote in a city or township that falls within the boundaries of the listed county. All judicial candidates may use the "city/township" nonpartisan nominating petition form or the "countywide" nonpartisan nominating petition form as convenient.

**REQUIRED AFFIDAVITS:** Non-incumbent candidates who file for the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Probate District, District Court Judge or Probate Court Judge are required to file an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy). The required affidavits can be obtained from the Michigan Department

of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing or on the Bureau's website: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos). A candidate who fails to file the required documents by the filing deadline is ineligible to appear on the ballot.

Public Act 217 of 1999 requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that at the date the affidavit was executed, "all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organized to support the candidate's election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act ... have been filed or paid." The new requirement went into effect March 10, 2000. All judicial candidates are subject to the Campaign Finance Compliance Statement requirement. This remains true even if the candidate maintains a "Reporting Waiver."

**AFFIXING OFFICE DESIGNATION ON PETITION:** Petitions for a judicial office must bear the appropriate designation listed below to indicate the office sought by the candidate. Note that "incumbent" position means a position held by a judicial officer who is seeking reelection to his or her seat; "non-incumbent" position means a position held by a judicial officer who is not seeking reelection to his or her seat.

- Regular Term – Incumbent Position
- Regular Term – Non-Incumbent Position
- Partial Term – Incumbent Position\*
- Partial Term – Non-Incumbent Position\*
- New Judgeship

\* Add expiration date of term if more than one partial term will be filled in judicial district. The terms "vacancy," "partial term" and "unexpired term" are interchangeably used to reference a judicial position which will be filled at an election for less than the full term.

**OBTAINING INFORMATION ON APPROPRIATE OFFICE DESIGNATION:** PA 218 of 1999 stipulates that in instances where a candidate for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge or Probate Court Judge seeks election in a district where there are a combination of "new" positions, "incumbent" positions and/or "non-incumbent" positions to fill, the candidate must "apply to the Bureau of Elections for a written statement of office designation to correspond to the judgeship sought by the candidate." The designations listed in the following charts are provided to fulfill this information requirement. (See *Petition Signature Requirements and Office Designations* below.)

PA 218 of 1999 further directs the Bureau of Elections to designate a judicial position as an "incumbent" position in any instance where 1.) there is an incumbent judge eligible to seek reelection to the position and 2.) the deadline for filing the Affidavit of Candidacy has not yet elapsed. If the incumbent judge does not file for reelection by the deadline for submitting an Affidavit of Candidacy, the amendment directs the Bureau of Elections to 1.) redesignate the position as a "non-incumbent" position and 2.) notify all candidates seeking election in the judicial district that a "non-incumbent" position exists. The amendment further stipulates that in such instances, 1.) nominating petition sheets circulated for the "non-incumbent" position subsequent to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline "shall bear an office designation of non-

incumbent position” and 2.) signatures collected prior to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline “may be filed with the non-incumbent nominating petitions.” The Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline established for the August 8, 2006 primary elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2006.

**WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:** Judicial candidates who file for the August 8, 2006 primary ballot with a petition who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice of withdrawal to the filing official no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006.**

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** PA 218 of 1999 shifted the petition signature requirements imposed on candidates elected under Michigan election law to a graduated scale tied to the population of the district. The population based signature requirements imposed on candidates who seek the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge and Probate Court Judge are listed below. The population based signature requirements went into effect on March 10, 2000. (See MCL 168.544f for population based signature requirement chart.)

***- - Petition Signature Requirements and Office Designations - -***

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
2	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent <sup>12</sup>	2013
3	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
4	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
4	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
3	6,200	12,000	19 Regular Terms	Incumbent <sup>31</sup>	2013
3	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>15</sup>	2013
3	6,200	12,000	4 Partial Terms	Incumbent	2009
4	600	1,000	1 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2013
6	4,000	8,000	6 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
7	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
7	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009
9	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent <sup>25</sup>	2013
9	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>25</sup>	2013
10	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
10	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2013
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
16	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
16	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>13</sup>	2009
16	2,000	4,000	New Judgeship <sup>29</sup>		2013
17	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
17	2,000	4,000	New Judgeship <sup>32</sup>		2013
18	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
20	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>28</sup>	2009
22	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
27	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
30	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
31	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
36	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
38	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
39	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
42	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
44	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
45	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
46	200	400	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2011
49	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
49	200	400	New Judgeship <sup>29</sup>	(8-year term)	2015
50	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
54	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
55	200	400	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009
55	200	400	New Judgeship <sup>29</sup>		2013
56	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
57	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013

## JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
3B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
8 Div. 1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
10	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
12	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
14A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
15	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
16	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
18	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>16</sup>	2013
19	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
20	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2013
22	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
23	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
27	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
29	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
33	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
34	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
35	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
36	2,000	4,000	11 Regular Terms	Incumbent <sup>14</sup>	2013
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Terms	Incumbent	2009
36	2,000	4,000	2 Partial Term	Incumbent <sup>30</sup>	2011
37	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
39	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
40	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
41A	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
41B	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
42-2	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
44	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
46	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
50	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
51	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
52 Div. 1	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent <sup>3</sup>	2011
52 Div. 3	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
52 Div. 4	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
53	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>26</sup>	2013
53	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009
54A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
54B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
55	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009
56A	400	800	1 Partial Term	Incumbent <sup>4</sup>	2009
56B	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
57	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
57	400	800	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>2</sup>	2009
58	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
60	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
61	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
62A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
62A	200	400	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009
66	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
67 Div. 4	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
68	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
70 Div. 1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
70 Div. 2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
71A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
72	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>17</sup>	2013
74	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
75	400	800	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2011
86	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013

## JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Alcona	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2013
Allegan	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Alpena	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>18</sup>	2013
Antrim	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Arenac	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Baraga	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Barry	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Bay	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Benzie	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Berrien	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Branch	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Calhoun	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Cass	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Cheboygan	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Chippewa	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Clinton	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Crawford	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>19</sup>	2013
Delta	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Dickinson	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Eaton	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Genesee	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Genesee	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent <sup>8</sup>	2009
Gogebic	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Gr. Traverse	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Gratiot	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Hillsdale	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Houghton	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Huron	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Ingham	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Ionia	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Iosco	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Iron	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Isabella	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Jackson	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>20</sup>	2013
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Kalkaska	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Kent	2,000	4,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
Keweenaw	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Lake	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Lapeer	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Leelanau	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Lenawee	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Livingston	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>21</sup>	2013
Macomb	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Manistee	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Marquette	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Mason	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Menominee	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Midland	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Missaukee	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Monroe	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Montcalm	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>27</sup>	2013
Montmorency	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>10</sup>	2013
Muskegon	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Newaygo	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Oakland	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Oceana	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>22</sup>	2013
Ogemaw	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>23</sup>	2013
Ontonagon	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Oscoda	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Otsego	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Ottawa	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Presque Isle	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Roscommon	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Saginaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
St. Clair	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>24</sup>	2013
St. Joseph	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013



District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Sanilac	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Shiawassee	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Tuscola	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Van Buren	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
Washtenaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent <sup>11</sup>	2013
Wayne	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2013
Wayne	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2009
Wayne	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2013
Wexford	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013

### JUDGE OF THE PROBATE DISTRICT COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
5	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
6	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
7	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
17	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013
18	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2013

<sup>1</sup>Judge is scheduled to retire at the end of the term due to age.

<sup>2</sup>Judgeship is currently vacant.

<sup>3</sup>Judgeships are for four-year terms for 2006 election only (SB 257 of 2000).

<sup>4</sup>Partial Term effective 1/16/06.

<sup>5</sup>Regular Term Non-Incumbent effective 12/31/05. See #11 below effective 3/20/06.

<sup>6</sup>Partial Term effective 1/19/06. See #30 below.

<sup>7</sup>Judgeship became vacant effective 2/1/06. See #15 below effective 3/28/06

<sup>8</sup>Governor made an appointment effective 2/10/06.

<sup>9</sup>Judgeship became vacant effective 3/1/06. See #14 below effective 3/23/06.

<sup>10</sup>Judgeship became vacant effective 3/11/06.

<sup>11</sup>Governor made an appointment effective 3/20/06. Designation switched to "Incumbent"

<sup>12</sup>Governor made an appointment effective 3/23/06. Designation switched to "Incumbent"

<sup>13</sup>Judgeship became vacant effective 3/20/06.

<sup>14</sup>Governor made an appointment effective 3/23/06. Designation switched to "Incumbent" therefore effective 3/23/06 there are 11 regular terms instead of 10 regular terms.

<sup>15</sup>Judge M. Waterstone did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006. See #31.

<sup>16</sup>Judge G. McKnight did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>17</sup>Judge D. Nicholson did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>18</sup>Judge D. Pugh did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>19</sup>Judge J. Hunter did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>20</sup>Judge S. Vandercook did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>21</sup>Judge S. Reck did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>22</sup>Judge W. Urick did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>23</sup>Judge E. Turkelson did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>24</sup>Judge J. Monaghan did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>25</sup>Judge R. Lamb did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>26</sup>Judge J. Pikkarainen did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>27</sup>Judge E. Skinner did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 27, 2006 deadline. Position is designated as “Non-Incumbent” effective March 28, 2006.

<sup>28</sup>Judgeship became vacant April 1, 2006.

<sup>29</sup>New Judgeships created April 6, 2006.

<sup>30</sup>Governor made an appointment effective April 10, 2006. Designation switched from “non-incumbent” position to ‘incumbent’ position. Appointed C. LaToye Miller to succeed T. Wallace. Governor appointed D. Adams to 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court effective April 10, 2006. Also appointed R. Carter to the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court to succeed D. Adams effective April 10, 2006.

<sup>31</sup>Governor made an appointment effective April 10, 2006. Appointed D. Adams to succeed W. Cahalan.

<sup>32</sup>New Judgeship created April 13, 2006.